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Murtha	Sandlin	Taylor (NC)
Neal (MA)	Saxton	Thompson (MS)
Nethercutt	Schakowsky	Toomey
Owens	Schrock	Towns
Pascarell	Serrano	Turner (TX)
Paul	Slaughter	Udall (NM)
Peterson (PA)	Smith (MI)	Vitter
Pryce (OH)	Smith (WA)	Waxman
Quinn	Stark	Weiner
Rogers (KY)	Sweeney	Woolsey
Rogers (MI)	Tauzin	

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 441, 442, and 443, I was in the Cleveland airport awaiting a flight which was delayed. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on 441, "yes" on 442, and "yes" on 443.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on September 13, 2004, I was unavoidably absent due to an important meeting and missed Rollcall votes numbered 441 through 443.

Had I not been unavoidably detained earlier this afternoon, I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall votes No. 441, 442 and 443.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I was not present to vote on September 13th due to the death of a close family friend.

I intended to vote "nay" on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 363, condemning the human rights violations in Syria. While I am strongly opposed to the human rights abuses being perpetrated by the Syrian government, I am troubled by some of the language in the resolution. Specifically, the resolution states: "Whereas the family law of Syria as applied to Muslim women is governed by Sharia (Islamic) law and is discriminatory in marriage, divorce and inheritance matters." While I fundamentally disagree with this law, I feel that this statement unnecessarily denigrates the religious-based laws of a sovereign nation.

In addition, I would have voted "aye" on H. Con. Res. 667 and "aye" on H. Res. 760.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for Rollcall votes 441, 442, and 443. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 441, 442, and 443.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, on September 9, 2004, I was away from Washington

on official business in my district and unable to vote on several matters.

Had I been present, on rollcall 434 I would have voted "yea." On rollcall 435, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall 436, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall 437, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall 438, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall 439, I would have voted "yea." And on rollcall 440, I would have voted "yea."

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken tomorrow.

## EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO CITIES OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, AND NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, FOR HOSTING 2004 NATIONAL POLITICAL CONVENTIONS

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 765) expressing gratitude to the cities of Boston, Massachusetts, and New York City, New York, for their extraordinary hospitality and successful planning and hosting of the 2004 national political conventions.

The Clerk read as follows:

## H. RES. 765

Whereas the Democratic National Convention was held from July 26 through July 29, 2004, in Boston, Massachusetts;

Whereas the Republican National Convention was held from August 30 through September 2, 2004, in New York City, New York;

Whereas Mayor Thomas M. Menino, the Boston 2004 Host Committee, and the people of Boston, including a large number of dedicated volunteers, were extremely gracious in their hospitality;

Whereas Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, the New York City Host Committee 2004, and the people of New York City, including a large number of dedicated volunteers, were extremely gracious in their hospitality;

Whereas Police Commissioner Kathleen M. O'Toole and the entire Boston Police Department went to extraordinary lengths to keep Boston safe throughout the duration of the Democratic Convention;

Whereas Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly and the entire New York City Police Department went to extraordinary lengths to keep New York safe throughout the duration of the Republican Convention;

Whereas countless city, State, regional, and nationwide agencies cooperated to ensure the safety of each Convention, including the United States Capitol Police, which assisted the local jurisdictions, and the United States Secret Service, which coordinated Federal anti-terrorism and counter-terrorism assets for each of the Conventions as National Security Special Events;

Whereas Members of Congress, delegates from across the Nation, and other interested parties participated in the Conventions and benefited from the secure environments; and

Whereas millions of Americans watched, heard, or read about the Conventions and thereby participated in our national political process: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives thanks, pays tribute to, and expresses gratitude to all of those who assisted in the significant hospitality, logistical, and security efforts to successfully execute the 2004 national political conventions in Boston, Massachusetts, and New York City, New York.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) and the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY).

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 765, and I am joined on the floor by our ranking member, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON); and it is good to be here to express the gratitude of the House of Representatives to the cities of Boston, Massachusetts, and New York, New York, for their extraordinary hospitality and successful planning and hosting of the 2004 national political conventions.

Mr. Speaker, I think I speak for everyone in the House in thanking the people of the cities of Boston and New York, their cities' host committees, and the countless volunteers for making both cities open and welcoming to the many Members of the Congress, delegates from across the Nation, and all other interested parties who participated in our great conventions.

Special recognition needs to go to the Boston Police Department and the New York City Police Department, whose professionalism and constant vigilance guaranteed not only the safety of the residents they routinely protect on a day-by-day basis but the many visitors who attended the conventions.

In addition, we have to thank the countless city, State, regional and nationwide agencies who cooperated to ensure the safety of everyone involved with both conventions. I would also like to recognize the exceptional efforts of the hundreds of United States Capitol Police Officers who provided around-the-clock security for all Members during the convention and who coordinated, of course, with the Secret Service, the FBI and, again, the New York City Police Department. And we cannot forget the firefighters in both New York and Boston that were on hand.

So I am here on a bipartisan basis, though I would note, Mr. Speaker, for the record, I did not see my colleague, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON), at the New York convention. But I am glad to be with him here tonight to thank both cities and everyone involved in both conventions.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.